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Reed Hunt
Chair FCC
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Dear Reed Hunt:

Commercialization of children's TV programming has resulted in less education, more commercialism & much more violence. Please strengthen FCC requirements for constructive use of the public airwaves. All of us are dependent upon civil nurture of children, whoever they are.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hundt,

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As a concerned parent and graduate student, I am directing this letter towards the FCC in the hopes of drawing to your attention the excessively violent theme of one show in particular - The X-Men. I chose this program due to its extreme violent nature and content of the dialogue. For instance, on any given afternoon, at 3:30 across America, one can observe enslavement, kidnapping, assassination, laser warfare, and even civil war. And all this is directed towards an audience of elementary school age. Yes, elementary. My first grade class watches this show regularly and when questioned regarding the content (which I feel is totally inappropriate for any elementary age child) referred to the show as being "cool". It would seem to me,

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that in this age of societal decay, the FCC would recognize the need for more educational entertainment and less glorified violence. I implore you, as a student, as a parent, and as a citizen of these United States, please, help us to guide our young by developing and implementing more educational and entertaining t.v. We will do our part as parents by prohibiting the viewing of shows such as X-Men. We need for you and your commission to do yours.

Nikki Barbieri

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express
~~my~~ opinion on what is being shown
on T.V. (especially for the children).

Actually, mainly the children. What
is going to become of them years
down the road? Do you think there
will be many decent citizens left?
I'm concerned that not very many
care. Is it the money?

The cartoons on Saturday morning
use to make them laugh & be happy.

Now it's affecting their minds &
behavior. You can tell by the way
they talk to you, & how they treat
other children.

If we care about the "Future",
we had better make some changes.
Replace them with more educational
programs & cartoons. It wouldn't
hurt to have more family shows
which have good morals, & that

love Their country.

Our country seems to have so
many problems. I'm sure "God"
would really Bless us all for
trying.

Thank you for taking time
to read this, & for anything that
you can do in the future.

Mrs. Forrest ~~Harrell~~

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to ask that the FCC demand that non-cable TV **RECEIVED** to the rules established by Congress in the 1970's — that is, that **NOCKET FILE COPY 3/5/85** devote the specified portion of their air-time to educational programming. **AND ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS & INVESTIGATION**

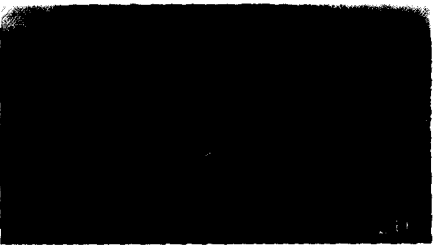
It is a mockery when TV stations claim that cartoons such as "The Simpsons" constitute educational programming. I am asking that the FCC throw down the gauntlet, and to throw the book at those TV stations that use our public air-waves to spit out the over —

Tim Thomas

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fifth of these trashy
talk-shows and
tabloid TV shows.

Please demand that
these TV stations begin
adhering to their
educational programming
mandates. And please let
me know how I can help
you in these efforts. Sincerely,
Tim Thomas

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Federal Communications

Commission

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I urge you to strengthen
the Children's Television
Act of 1990 by requiring
all television stations
air at least 1 hour of
educational programming
for children everyday between
7:00 A.M. & 10:00 P.M.

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Dear Chairman Reed Hundt

I am concerned about children's programming. I feel we need to have more good quality programming, not shows which are just plugs for toys. I know your job, among others, is to see to it that our children are exposed to media that will expand their horizons. ~~that~~

Our educational system is going to the dogs. Our test scores are going down, yet we continue to show innane kids' shows with cartoon monsters beating up on each other.

Walter Dill

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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As an avid C-Span viewer and a person involved in educating parents of young children, my interest was peaked when you met with the National Association of Secondary Principals. During the telecast you stressed that the process is open to anyone to express ideas to improve and expand opportunities for young students to access better programming on television. As a sixty-six year old observer of the decline of education in our country, one who was involved for 26 years in the education of parents and pre-school age children, and as a tutor of illiterate adults, I list some of my priorities for change in the regulations for the use of our airways, (radio and television).

1. I see the FCC as a watchdog for the taxpayers. In this regard I feel the broadcasters have reaped millions for the use of our airways by selling air time and limiting access. Licenses are issued to those who are able to raise the dollars leaving the taxpayers without recourse or a voice. The FCC must be a guardian for the taxpayers for fairness and to force the process to be informative and educational as well as a way to sell product and make money.

2. There must be air time set aside for free access by candidates running for Congress, Senate and Presidential offices - a percentage of time for each candidate to inform voters of their positions on the issues. The current 30-second sound bite is unacceptable and is not a FAIR amount of time for the public to decide. The networks offer their pundits ample time, promoting their synthesis of the issues and control a free expression of what we see and hear. Sponsors should not have this control.

3. Offering major candidates opportunities to debate issues can serve the goals of better educating the young students to the democratic process we promote. Viewing thoughtful adults using reason and argument for a positive result is a model we need to show to students as a way to solve and decide issues.

4. Young students have no voice. Adults control the agenda and youth revolts in a myriad of destructive behaviors. Sponsors of MTV have learned to hear some of their

concerns. Given a voice to express their opinions on so-called "adult" issues which, by the way, effect them for life, may give them a decided interest in paying attention to their education. They are excluded in the adult process of "real" issues.

5. Broadcasters can be encouraged by speaking with those of us who have been in the trenches and gained insight to their concerns. They could make as much if not more money, increase ratings and gain viewers by allowing these students to be heard on solving a variety of problems they face. I suggest that networks view our youth as pigs at the trough lapping up toys without realizing they are the citizens of tomorrow who quickly become bitter at being used.

6. Limiting the amount of time to advertise during each 30 minute program is paramount. Our children's brains are being fractured and distracted from logical thinking and focusing on an idea or thought. We are busy trying to build attention span and programmers are busy building frenetic flitting fostering disturbed behavior.

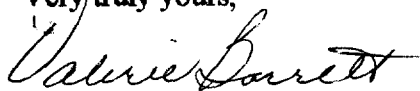
7. Many of us are turned off by government commissions who take no brave, courageous leadership in these areas. Educational TV for ages 3 to adult is lacking. To find any program on the networks other than Mr. Rogers, or Sesame Street during viewing time for children is difficult without seeing hyped behavior (abnormal reactions) by cartoon characters or adults over-reacting to normal human behavior. Kids don't need to copy hyperactive behavior patterns as a way to respond to events either good or bad. We have had twenty-five or more years of detrimental programming with only a small percentage of reasonable programs at sporadic times.

8. With more children monitoring their own behavior because of single parent homes, or both parents working sometimes two, three and four jobs to make it, the commission is in the only position to take action for parents to enable them to have more positive choices. Providing sex, violence and crime time can be made available at times when children are asleep or in school. Blocks to some channels are available, yes, however many people are so busy and the expense too great to avail themselves of these options. I see no reason, except money, for broadcasters to object to a complete review of their morals and concerns about our society.

These are only some of the issues that concern me and others with whom I have broached the subject. A survey of teachers across the country who deal with the behavioral results from irresponsible programming would show great support for change of direction in requirements for licensing airways. I agree with President Clinton's philosophy when he urges a significant, positive change for our future. Television must be a great contributor to that end.

I would hope that you as chairman, will apprise the members of the commission that many of my concerns are common to many and that as a guardian of our airways you will act on these issues.

Very truly yours,


Valerie Barrett